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Coneral Goethals Stakes His Reputation on the Stability of the Panama Canal.

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General GEORGE W. GOETHALS USES the subjoined language in his report as Governor of the Panama Canal for the year that ended June 30 to record his satisfaction with the measures adopted to overcome the earth slides and to relterate his belief that the ditch across the Isthmus is destined permanent usefulness:

"As predicted at the time the great Culebra movements occurred, the slides will be overcome finally and for all notwithstanding the calamity howlers and in spite of the disastrous tions of the 'know-it-alls.' "

This paragraph follows an interesting discussion of the history of the dides, in which General GOETHALS'S unquestioning faith in the stability of the canal and the professional wisby ex-Senutor THOMAS KEARNS of crowded streets. Utah in THE SUN of June 18, Genpractical experience, thus:

Under the circumstances, those on the work still adhere to their belief that sub-

MILLER, professor of geology at Lehigh University, who declared that "practically all of Gold Hill and much of Zion Hill must be removed," and that "if dredges alone are employed, the canal may be kept clear during the months when rainfall is lightened, but for many years to come the rainy season is almost certain to cause such alides as to close the canal for weeks or even months." General GOETHALS appears to have less respect. He says that "the greatest injury was done the canal" through Professor MILLER; and his statements were considered "erroeral GOETHALS hoped that Professor MILLER's conclusions would be counterbalanced by the final report of a committee of the National Academy of January, but this document was not intimately related. available on September 11, the date

on which General GOETHALS Wrote. It is plain that General GOETHALS It is less rendily perceived now than to contented with the manner in it was a year ago, when on October and violets for the ladies. Sandwhich the work at Panama has been 17, 1915, THE SUN published the fact wiches and cigarettes; piumes and done, the plans adopted for the guid- that one-sixth of the railway mileage ance of the custodians of the canal in the country was in the hands of of the players"; seats on the thirty in the future, and is convinced that the receivers. Since then public attention yard line, and seat cushions. What route and the prism are practicable. Yet be records the fact that in August of this year "a general movement occurred at the east Culebra slide, and consisted of a settlement from twenty to twenty-five feet vertically down at the rear portion of the area affected. ne 1,300 feet from the prism, by which a mass of material from the a joint resolution, signed by the Pres- and so back to the old fellows whose lower part was projected into the canel beyond the centre line, reducing the depth of water along this line an average of five feet." The width and depth of the new channel prevented interruption of navigation; but from this incident an idea of the amount of material involved may be obtained. and in General GOETHALS's opinion the impossibility of artificial devices for holding it back from the prism

must be recognized. Yet General GOETHALS has no doubt that the difficulties will be overcome, the make subjugated; on this he stakes a professional reputation he would not willingly sacrifice. We hope he is right; and we hope that before many years have passed the validity of his judgment will be demonstrated in a way to convince calamity howlers and even the know-it-alls.

Closing Rifts in the Body Politic

To the 400 members of the American Federation of Labor who called on him at the White House on Saturday President Wilson said:

Nothing alarms America so much as rifts, divisions, the drifting apart of elements among her people, and the thing we ought all to strive for is to close up every rift, and the only way to do it, so far as I can see, is to establish justice not only, but justice with a heart in it, justice with a pulse in it, justice with sympathy in it."

dorsement and approval of their recent

The rift, division, drifting apart, of to begin work to-day. Americans and white Americans of which the new attitude of the federation is evidence is a matter of profound significance.

It is to be assumed that Mr. Witof justice, social, legal and moral, for the negro; and in certain sections of the country if the negro can get justice he will be rejoiced to accept pulse and sympathy.

Where Shall the People Go?

If traffic congestion in New York were confined to a few popular thoroughfares and their intersections, it would be comparatively easy to devise means of relief. Such is not the case. In all the boroughs are districts where the capacity of roadways and sidewalks is exceeded by the demands made on them, and where this condition s found the diversion of vehicles and pedestrians to other streets and avenues is impracticable. In Manhattan and parts of Queens, Brooklyn and The Bronx the situation is complicated by subway construction, which curtails if t does not prohibit the use of numerous highways; and the disinclination of citizens generally to abandon accustomed routes of travel is an obstacle to distribution that cannot be overlooked by the authorities.

Police Commissioner Woods, who purposes for which it is now closed; the railroads?" the connection of upper and lower Park avenue would provide a new vehicles; but in the meantime other breadline or else turn employer. possibilities of readjustment must be considered. It should be borne in mind that provision has to be made not only dom of its constructors is convincingly for the present, but for the future. apparent. The theory of subterra- and this contemplates the utilisation of an gases seeking outlet and carrying streets which are now neglected, as while this perfect autumn of 1916 is with them eruptive material, advanced well as the increase of facilities on still with us we join our praises of the

Traffic regulation can mitigate the eral Goethals dismisses, after the discomforts originating in overcrowdderation due to any statement ing, but this is not sufficient. The from a man of Senator KEARNS's wide real solution of the problem lies in distributing the traffic, and this can be done only by controlling it from its origin to its destination, and employing for this purpose the street to do with the movements that have system as a whole, without emphasis on any particular subdivision of it.

For the opinion of BENJAMIN LEROY The Pending Investigation of the Rallways.

Are the railroads of the country ever to get relief from an intolerably adverse situation? That is the question which is chiefly exercising not merely the heads of the roads but the or seventy thousand watch and pray 2,000,000 holders of their securities, or cheer. the pocketbook of every inhabitant of the United States.

The present state of affairs cannot continue. That is about the only warranted and unfair." Gen- point upon which everybody is agreed. that confront the roads?

In the first place, overregulation in the second place, lack of new capi-Sciences, whose preliminary findings tal; in the third place, rising cost of were submitted to the President in operation. The three troubles are all

Several factors have tended lately to obscure the real railway situation. has been engrossed with other mat- costs a dollar at 2 o'clock you may ters. First came the demand of the have for a dime at 5 o'clock. trainmen for a shorter day as a basis noise, clothes; big, strong girls and of wages. Over this the roads and tame little men. Old grads: "Why. the men became deadlocked, and the SAM WHITE practised with a loose controversy grew acuter through the ball every day-Ab, but remember spring of 1916. Not much heed was Poe's run in '98-And his drop kick paid to the passage by Congress of in '99-And JOHN DEWITT in '03." ident on July 30, which created a com- hearts went racing down the sidemittee of Congress to study the whole line with TILLY LAMAR in the early problem of rall transportation. Im- '80s. Or it is Coy, McClung, Hermediately after the setting up of this FELFINGER, BILLY BULL: heroes all. body the trainmen's demands, backed by the threat of a strike, precipitated a crisis which resulted in the enactment of the Adamson law, making with airmen cavorting dizzily over eight hours the measure of a day's work in computing wages of trainmen engaged in interstate commerce. Then the campaign, already in full swing when the Adamson law was passed, eclipsed everything else.

That campaign is over. The committee of Congress authorized by the joint resolution of July 30 is at last free to start work, its members having been busy up to November 7 in mending political fences. Senator NEWLANDS of Nevada, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, was the author of the resolution providing for it. The other members are Senators Robinson of Arkansas and Underwood of Alabama, Democrats; Senators Cum-MINS of Iowa and BRANDEGEZ of Connecticut, Republicans; Representatives ADAMSON of Georgia, Sims of Tennessee and Cullor of Indiana.

from the historic policy of unionism bers of this House committee. The ceased Highness" more adequately conthat has attracted much attention. Newlands investigators are expected veys the note of reverence.

black Americans and white Ameri- It is to be hoped that their labors gyric by CARLYLE, who pictured him cans has been the cause of grave fore- will be fruitful. But there is no cer- as a solitary superman worthy of the bodings among thoughtful men for tainty of this, and indeed the imme- extreme of hero worship. "Thou years; the drawing together of black diate prospects are not favorable. Extraordinary freight traffic, largely a concomitant of the heavy war export trade we are doing, has given the railroads an exceptionally prosperous year in some cases. The rather large son's contribution to this movement returns of the last twelvementh are Evil"! But perhaps by the time that will take the form of an acceleration | likely to be pointed to as a convincing proof of railway prosperity. Of course they are not; the trouble lies much deeper than any year's earnings. It is rooted in our governmental relait, even though it lack heart and tions with the ronds. They must obey the United States and forty-eight different States, each with different and

ever changing laws. The important question of Federalizing the roads and making them amenable to Congress alone goes to the kernel of the problem. With that ccomplished there would still remain much to be done. Should not the Interstate Commerce Commission determine railway wages as well as railway rates? If arbitration is refused in railway disputes and cannot be compelled, as it probably cannot exshould the Interstate Commerce Combody but the private investor who decides whether the return is reasonable has been obliged carefully to study the or not. And the railway men might problems involved, has decided that ask the Newlands committee this only by new highways can the load be question: "If Government regulation reduced. The completion of the sub- of profits finally makes it impossible ways, when it is accomplished, will for us to attract new and necessary make Seventh avenue available for capital will the Government subsidize

The Federal Government has a narrow choice: it has either to feed the artery for north and south bound business that it has brought into the

In the Stadium.

The football year nears its brilliant end, the indoor season approaches, but game with those of the unnamed rhymester of the campus:

Who will may sing of champions bold, The heroes of ballad and story, Who entered the lists in the days of old

To battle for love and glory-Of wandering wights and dolorous

knights And chargers with panoply ladenof the gentle joust and the thwack and

In a mêlée for a maiden.

thrust

But we . . . -Stadium Ballads.

But we shall sing of twenty-two men who fight over a leather ball while twenty-two thousand or forty or fifty We celebrate canorously It is a question of vital concern also the guard and the halfback, pass and to several million shippers of freight punt, tackle and line buck, field goal and in one way or another it affects and touchdown. Epic is the history of the Eleven, scrimmaging through the sweet autumn weeks with the scrub, bruised and battered in muscle and joint, soulsore under the tongue iashing of coaches, toiling through a for a man who writes daily from re-bitter schedule up to the Big Game motest Brooklyn to his family in Philaschedule up to the Big Game and the winning of the Y or H or where he is or what he is doing. He

but it has the Sanction of Society. Big business for the railroads, for not even the auto has driven the football special out. Big business for the fakers: "Here y' are! Get your winning colors!" Emblems of Academe totemism rampant, clans of the Bulldog and the Tiger. Chrysanthemums pennants; "official programme, pitchers

immortals of glory's gridiron. The Greeks are on the field: is there a Homes in the stands? Even head-high as the price of hot dogs in the trains after the battle even in the furs and furbelows of 1916, the show is mediæval. Any crowd is. A great day, and what it means is even ess clearly shown in the peopled than where some lonely graduate in wishes, the Arctic waste or tropic jungle turns his thoughts back to the old campus, and wonders who's making the touchdowns for Alma Mater and defending her goal.

The "muddled oafs" are supermen. and football is the autumn sport of a mighty people.

The Napoleon of Paraguay.

A novel just published has for its central figure Jose GASPAR Rop-RIGUEZ FRANCIA, the dictator of Paraguay, whose autocracy began a little over a hundred years ago and lasted Democrats; Esch of Wisconsin and until his death in 1840. It is, in fact HAMILTON of Michigan, Republicans. exactly a century since this despot, to All the Senators are members of the whom the Paraguayans dared refer Senate Committee on Interstate Com- only as "El Supremo," was made did merce except Senator Brandeger, who tator for life and styled El Perpetuo. is chairman of the Pacific railroads The flattering implication that he committee. Representative ADAMSON, would live forever was not fulfilled, repted by the federationists as an in- author of the Adamson law, is chair- yet Francia inspired so much terror man of the House Committee on In- that after his death few ventured to action in favor of the unionization of terstate and Foreign Commerce. The speak of him otherwise than as El negroes in the South, a departure four other Representatives are mem- Defunto. "The Deceased." "His De

FRANCIA was the subject of a pane lonely FRANCIA!" exclaimed the spiritually hyphenated author of "The French Revolution." It is a pity that CARLYLE did not live to read the later works of NIETZSCHE. How he would have exulted in "Beyond Good and goal had been proclaimed he had al-

ready arrived there.

The truth about the Paraguayan dictator will never be reached. We know that he was merciless and vain. that he executed men without the semblance of the forms of justice. that he appeared devoid of all human feeling in such episodes as his refusal to forgive his dving father, from whom he had long been estranged. The principal governmental policy of FRANCIA was the complete isolation of Paraguay from the rest of the world; as a result the Paraguayans and would demand from the prohibi were forced to rely on themselves and tionists that they join hands in estab achieved a diversification of industry that was distinctly beneficial to the country. Since the people were thoroughly unfitted for self-government at that time it may be considered that cept by the force of public opinion, Francia's rule was the best thing in the circumstances. And his detestmission have power to operate the able personal qualities do not lessen roads during a strike? How is the the interest with which we read all matter of a "reasonable return" on we can find about him. Those who railway capital to be handled? It have an idea that Francia was a has recently been pointed out that, great and misunderstood immortal after all, it is not a governmental should turn from CARLYLE and the pages of fiction to the letters of J. P. and W. P. Robertson and to the first volume of CHARLES A. WASHBURN'S "History of Paraguay."

It would be interesting to know if Paraguayans intend to commemorate El Supremo's centenary. How would they go about it, we wonder?

The International Institute of Agriculture warns the world of a wheat shortage and possible famine; but the consumers of patented breakfast foods show no signs of alarm.

1917 now the political managers have pacifist is wholly wrong in the suppos provided ample opportunities for every ambitious citizen who longs to have himself mentioned for the nomination

If we understand our enthusiastic sian has the same sversion, and even friends correctly. Tammany died on the Prussian shares in the feeling when November 7 and will be decently buried in November of next year.

So Verdun did not end it? The air of Columbus, Ohio, is so brisk and lively that it wears out a flag a month over the State House. Yet the

citizens of Ohio do not complain; they are willing to keep the flag flying, no In Metcalf, Ariz., the schoolma'am is to receive a bonus of \$5 a month for remaining unmarried. The reward is well for the intelligence of this century insufficient; no gallant of the South-

end wife is not only a fool but he is courting matrimental disaster.—A trou-Or to his first wife.

mistress.

The police have been asked to hunt delphia telling them he does not know blazing orange P. It seems foolish, probably owes his plight to having scught directions from some resident transpontine borough. The easiest way to get lost in Brooklyn is to seek information from a dweller

DINING UNDER THE DOME. No Sad, Bored Faces in This Parislan

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SITE MAY not the "sad, bored diner" owe his exor semi-suffocation caused by the bad air in most of our restaurants? In these days, wihen every one smokes of present and future holdups by simeverywhere and at any time, the air ply asking Congress to repeal that clause than the soup, and this criticism applies empts or is said to exempt labor unions restaurants.

I recall a hotel in Paris whose resnurant, built in an extension, had a turn, letting out all the bad air at once and giving the diners a glimpse of the

Perhaps our climate does not permit but it is a pleasant recollection and there were no bored faces under NEW YORK, November 18.

The California Editor Piques Curiosity.

From the Gustine Standard. We hear that a wedding is impending Gustine which will interest all of popularly known here and everybody ledges of the concreted amphitheatre groom and give him a bushel of good

The "Cubist Patriot." It was a "cubist patriot" appeared upon

the view. Its hair was red, its brow was eyes were deeply blue When it was born into the world. But it felt that would not do.

So it had cut off all its hair and now had none at all. Its brow was wrinkled so with care, 'twas like a crayon scrawl And both its erstwhile cobalt eve

The songs that it had learned in youth, "Star Spangled Banner" and the rest of nknown to me and you.

It said, "My country only thee is strictly There is." It said, "no North, no South, no East, no West lanate; So prithee why then have the world Hotted State by State?"

"My heart," it said, "embraces none, but No mere parochial patriot. I am a cosmic And then a Colonel pricked the thing.

rediction of Pinancial Disaster

Prohibition Prevalls. Closed to the Deutschland? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: No vember 7 brought disastrous news to the brewers and saloon keepers of the States of Montans, South Dakots, Michigan and Nebraska when these Common wealths decided in favor of statewin rohibition. The addition of these four States to those siready under the socalled "dry" edict makes a total of twenty-three, and it is believed that The Race is a narrow channel at best, when the new Governors of Florida

nto the "dry" column.
It has been believed by students who are watching the pro that it would react, but such does not appear to be the case. That a reaction will set in some time is quite possible, but whether the brewers and saloon men can stand the financial strain coinci dent with the repeated attacks that they must meet I cannot say. But if the brewers, distillers and saloon men were to agree to close down their establishor one year, thereby making the na-tion automatically as "dry as a bone," lishing a law making it a criminal offence for any one to have liquors in municipality and State after State now dry" would wipe out the prohibition law in a hurry. If such a movement were to be inaugurated every State i would be compelled to issue bonds When consideration is given to th

and Utah are inaugurated measures will

e adopted to bring these two States

fact that the United States Governmen nnually derives \$325,000,000 from liquors alone the financial catastroph that would overtake the Government should the liquor men close up shop for a while is appalling. A. B. ARDSLET.

THE PACIFIST'S ERROR. He Is Not the Only Person With

Aversion to War. TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUN-Sir: the letter signed "Thoughtful" in THE is once again taken up in a way which proves the lamentable inability of thos curious people who flatter themselves that they are "inspired by some of the human breast" to see straight. The tion that he is the only person alive who has an aversion to war and stands appalled before the tragedies that follow

in its wake. Every human being except the Prus over unprepared nations. What the pacifist cannot understand is that he The war will be decided in Ruma-nia.—Unnamed military authorities in out the ages to make war possible that and his kind have done more throughall bloodthirsty people put together. It is he who discourages nations from putting themselves in a state of preparation for war which will make war an impossibility, and the fact that, in face of ment still being learned by those nation which clung blindly and ignorantly and pigheadedly to the so-called principles of pacifism, "Thoughtful" and his fellow babble on the subject does not speak One would have imagined that the very west would hesitate for a moment to word pacifist had been shamed out of the

NEW YORK, November 18. The man who bares his past to his sec- THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

cans on a Level Before the Law. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "The Pistol at the Court House Door' is good it saves \$1 to \$1.50 a dozen for laundry reading, as are all Sun editorial articles, and time, and as the body and sleeves

hypocrisy. been reelected, what will he do with or had the Adamson act passed?

to cut the Gordian knot and end once and band to shrink when the shirt is laun- Trenton. Newark, Jersey City and the one-sixth of them had arrived for all any recurrence of a threatened dered, and this makes the top of the other northern New Jersey localities so nationwide tieup of railroads? He can band flare from the neck. This will far as freight rates are concerned, why freight cars, in 1916 2,447,178 do this, and do it easier, because of a also explain why the collar has that are these localities favored in one direcbetter reason than he used to pass the aggravating way of climbing over the Adamson act; a reason of the best, as | top of the peckband. C. R. QUINEY. it would take into account the general a state of inciplent coma welfare of the nation and not the demand of special interests.

n our eating places is apt to be thicker in the Clayton act of 1914 which exto our ladies' clubs as well as to our and farmers' alliances from the penalties a conspiracy in restraint of trade

cliding glass roof which on opening that he did, a wrong done to gain on the door leading to the vestibule this making it? Is it not a poor rule that up, and the only thing left for the second which on opening that he did, a wrong done to gain on the door leading to the vestibule this making it? legislation in the Adamson act. COLUMBUS, O., November 17. L. H.

Mr. Hughes's Clean Record. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Why should Mr. Hughes send congratulations congratulate the man who licks him. Such a message would be in a large degree hypocritical-possibly wholly so. and Charles E. Hughes has never been accused of hypocrisy. M. T. R.

NEW YORK, November 18. Spats.

New Haven I hustled up and down Chapel street in search of German gray spats On analysis of that look, I am undecided still whether they took me for a kindred spirits. Their home town is much foreigner from Timbuctu or Hartford, or the same kind of a town as ours. They merely a runner up for some spat maker have about the same population; they have who had cornered the German gray and a Diamond match factory, a State normal

Even Indiane and Mexicans at Work. From the Stippery Rock, Pa., Sun. The Pennsylvania Railroad is trying meet the labor situation by employing Cornplanter Indians from the reservation just over the New York State line. A carload of twenty-five were brought Venango county a few days ago and put

Not a Laughing Matter. From the Montgomery Advertiser. Some folks in Alabama oppose good oads, cattle tick eradication and the eduliteral fact set down here to show that

The Operation of Social Justice. The Fiji—Thank goodness, now we may get as much publicity as England, Man-hattan or Blackwolf's.

Should Dangerous Night Waters B

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The recent collision of the German submarine Deutschland and her convoying tur off Race Rock. In which the lives of five in the tug's crew were lost, shows plainly the danger of permitting these submarines to use that passage during

The tide runs strong east and west and considerable eddy is caused by the cross tide, striking the usual current, coming from the Thames River. It is the only entrance to Long Island Sound for large tows and lumber laden schooners and last but not least the Fall River and Boston steamers all use the Race be-tween 10 o'clock P. M. and 4 o'clock in bed at this point and would have little chance for their lives if the eighteen The recent accident would indicate,

submarine was not well lighted. It is reasonable to suppose that in making for the open she would not carry any more telltale light than was necessary, and possibly not as much. At any rate, if the convoying tug, which knew apkeep clear of her, what chance has a not know of her presence? Submarines are not easily managed in strong tide and narrow channels, and large, fast steamers are hard to handle under the speed is maintained. Who would shoulder the responsibility if one of the Fall River steamers was sunk as a result of one of these unheralded, movable underwater objects getting in her path? A alight misunderstanding of lights or sigish in the wreck.

The westward passage of any small yacht or craft, no matter how peaceful her errand, may be looked upon with submarine and its convoy. All yachts Race or Fisher's Island Sound would cross the submarine's track or course such instances the seed was sown for signing it he called another member over in making Cornfield lightship. There is the danger of the Germans mistaking death, in which construction, phrase- ing it was his will, and he did so in the any of our small craft for one of the small scout cruisers which England has in large numbers, and disastrous results might well be the sequel in case of mistaken identity.

The Germans have evidently made a permanent base at New London, and this nightly passage of submarines in or out may be looked for on an average of once a month. Now is the time for protecting our own. It is not my intention to dispute the right of merchant but it is certainly a menace to navigation to permit them to make and clear narrow channels after nightfall. Let them go out in the daytime. The three mile limit extends outside of Block Island Sound, and they are safe until Block Island is reached. It will be interestin to note what action is taken now that the accident has brought the matter to the attention of the steamboat in-GERALD W. FORD. spectors. NEW YORK. November 15

SHIRT SECRETS.

When the Garment Is Washed the Rand Shrinks at the Bottom.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: nay be that those who know did not care to tell why some men can wear a collar without the back button in the eckband.

Many shirts are made practically un aundered. The neckband and cuffs are laundered and sewed on the shirt afte shirts are then pressed, folded and boxed. This serves a double purpose not afraid to say what it means in lucid. half to three inches longer than it would Pecksniffian sophistry or Urlah Heep shirts do not fit after the first washing. wider than the top. Cutting the neck- New Jersey is seeking its rights only. band straight causes the bottom of the NEW YORK, November 15.

LOOK BEFORE YOU LAUGH Limitations Imposed on Personal Free-

dom by the Street Car Barons.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: While of the anti-trust act when engaged in of Mr. Shonts's chariots-2534 is its freight rates to the points shipped to. number if my memory serves me cor-Wilson has a chance to right a wrong rectly-I was horrified to find painted have to make. Are we not justified in materials are constantly being

he platform

Are we to understand that we may laugh only in the subway stations and the inside of the cars? May I ask of THE SUN, which "shines for all," The man who gets licked doesn't usually what is a poor fellow to do when wedged in a corner of the vestibule on a typical crowded train when the guard howls in his ear: "Wan cent! Nxfortine!"? 18 yet he to suppress his mirth at this cry for money or hold his stomach if he is a fat man to keep it from shaking like a JOE COMSITT. NEW YORK, November 18

> California Plean of Welcome From the Chico Enterprise rom Oshkosh.

school and a crackerjack ball team Stella-Are you getting your shapping

Bella-My friends are buying the thing n I shall give in 1917.

From the Skaneateles Free Press Helio thar. Uncle Sam! I want ter know Wot yer doin' thar in Mexico.

Sent thar ter hunt fer Villa, wunt yer?
Then why in thunder don't yer?
Can't find him? Can't locate him?
Find it kind o' hard to take him?
When he's Just thar, right near Chewawa. edu. Where yer almost hear his haw-haw?
Joke Then why don't yer? A'n't yer "puniis a
that
Then wot yer doin' thar? Wot yer thar
for?

How many be yer? Fifty thousand?
Eatin off yer head?
Expecting Villa? Waitin till he's dead?
Enjyin scenery? Cactuses? Swattin files?
Chesin ter-backer some, an gum, for we have something to be ashamed of in Say, Uncle Ham! I kind a want ter know, What yer doin that in Mexico?

REVENUES FROM LIQUOR. CHANNELS FOR SUBMARINES DANGERS THAT ARE INHERENT IN THE HOME MADE WILL.

Disastrous Consequences of Attempts by Inexperienced Persons to Draw Their Own Last Testaments.

In an article printed in THE SUN of ing and putting into effect imperfectly November 9 on "The Art of Making a expressed intentions, it could not make writer emphasizes the importance of every man having his will prepared and its execution supervised by a person versed in the law of wills.

The writer, however, says "filling up will with such a provision as that the testator's debts he paid, matters which would have to be done by his personal representative in any event, and not including things of real importance never go hand in hand in the well prepared well balanced will." The direction to pay debts is often a valuable one, and so, also, is the authorization or direction by the testator that his executor shall sell our law real estate left by a decedent is subject to the payment of his debts after the personal property has been ex-hausted, and without such a direction with an assuredly clear title for a period

Probably the most common trouble over wills is found in instances where printed forms of wills have been used, forms procurable in the stationery stores. These forms have led to endless litigation. The ideas which some persons have as to the essentials or requisites of wills are most amazing. Every lawyer has had brought to his notice in papers intended as wills the execution of which lacked not only all the formali ties required by statute, but in some of which the testators with astonishing confidence attempted to create trusts or life estates which could be effected only by consummate professional skill.

In these and in other instances "home made" wills the saving of the fee which the lawyer would have charged his desire as to the disposition of his had been accomplished, and in most of property at his death. After writing and expensive litigation after the testator's to the desk and asked him to sign it, sayology, context and intent would be scrutinized, analyzed and dissected, and testator took the paper to the energies, pretexts and interpretations steward, showed it to him, told him is limited only by the legal ingenuities was his will and requested him to sen directed against the "will" at a time it as a witness, which he did in the when it is too late to fortify it, and it testator's presence. Such informality is must stand as written. I myself have the making of this will naturally invited known of a crude paper drawn with a contest based upon the ground of detestamentary intent, weak, but bearing fective execution. The Appellate Division the formidable caption "My Irrevocable decided, however, that the will was prop Will," and of a paper likewise so drawn, defective in every material respect, which plied "substantially" with the require the maker placed in his safe deposit box ments of the statute, and admitted the with care as commendable as his attempt to draw his own will was censurable, and this paper, ineffective to would have been had he spent an hour convey his large estate in the event of in the office of an attorney and had his his death, remained in the steel vault for many years.

volved in a very recent case in the Court of Appeals. The testator, after making man will seldom write an important let provision for the payment of his debts, ter, much less sign a contract, withou provided as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath unto my share and share slike, the same to be some liability or prejudice himself, it equally divided between themselves.

Litigation arose over the will, which trailed its course to the highest State court, where the decision of the Appel- and write their own last wills and tests late Division was reversed and the whole ments-but still more amazing that the matter after several years sent back to often disastrous act is done more from the court where it originally started, the quently by men than by women Court of Appeals holding that while it would allow great latitude in determin- New York, November 13.

NEW JERSEY'S CASE.

A Statement of the Freight Aspirations

of Our Western Friends. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 read with much amusement the letter thousand times predicted car shortage for the simple reason that THE SUN is are not washed the shirt is one and one- of Louis B. Manheimer concerning the is upon us. Nor shall we shake clear cut style and never indulges in he after washing. This is why some York. He seems to dwell upon every last gight years the railroads of item but the real point at issue. Most United States increased their supply of For such shirts the neckband is New Yorkers I have spoken to on the cars I per cent a year, usually cut straight or nearly so: it subject have the same erroneous arguambiguous phrase maker seems to have saves goods. If the neckband was cut ment, that New Jersey is seeking to rulings and ever rising trainment curved it would fit the shape of the disrupt the port of New York. New wages, our roads, up to twenty-f to his friends for whom he crawled and neck, the bottom of the neckband being Jersey is seeking to do no such thing, months ago, have been gradually a If the port of New York comprises heap. The count as of 1914 showtion and discriminated against in another direction? To eastbound freight 1915 the ronds actually earned less ! passing through New Jersey to New in 1907. . . . York city is given the same rate at that since 1907 they had invested \$5. of freight destined for any of the northern New Jersey localities, while freight adds that even in this record break coming from New England points to year the additional money earned points in northern New Jersey does not less than 6 per cent, return on this adreceive the same rate of New York city, tional investment of \$5,000,000 can axicabbing to the Horse Show in one New York to New Jersey and additional from 70 to 100 per cent, above it-

> does not work both ways? Mr. Manheimer speaks without actual knowledge. He says "there is at present Moreover our roads are to-day f a belt line railroad across the New Jer- into the open market for their sey meadows connecting practically every railroad that enters the port." The truth is that no one in New Jersey nating from the warring Powers ever saw it, because it is not there. However, he together with all other New Yorkers will be thoroughly enlightened in the matter when New Jersey pre- of the United States are able to merce Commission

> the past as to its own interests in this respect, but this will be corrected in due the car builders and equipment of course of time. N. J. MANUFACTURER. By C. H. PLUMMER. NEWARK, N. J., November 15.

DR. EATON'S METHODS.

Further Examination of His Recent Remarks on War.

seems to me that my critic is begging the question. I did not object to Dr. pursued by the Administration (and what man with red blood in his veins would not be indignant?). What I did object to was his inflammatory remarks. Henry Ward Beecher did sell a slave dozen years, there would have been to girl in his church to emphasize the cruelties of slavery; of this there is no doubt. And Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst in his crusade against vice underwent unpleasant experiences in order to convince the Police Department that vic still existed 'n Yew York city. But does this prove in either case that they adopted the best means of driving home their arguments?

So with Dr. Eaton's remarks; does any sane person believe that he was really sincere when he said what he did in his sermon last Sunday?

ADRIAN HEGEMAN. STAMFORD, Conn., November 18.

Will Satisfactory to the Court" the wills for testators, and that the will above quoted was "fatally defective in a vital point, for it falls to mention, much less to identify any gift, devise There are many cases in which the

subject of a gift has been imperfectly described, but where the courts have been able to spell out from the whole instrument the poorly expressed tion of the testator and have let the gift stand as a "gift by implication In another case often used as a prece-

validity of a "home made" will, after the testatrix had written the whole paper carefully, she sent for two witnesses to attend at her room in a hotel to wit trial that she presented the "document to them (having signed it before the witnesses called) folded in such a manner as to conceal its contents and ... gation which is the handmaid of such instruments resulted in the will being declared void and of no effect by the Court of Appeals. It would have heer that the paper was her will, and sign sign it and to have them do so in he presence, and the document would the have withstood any assaults upon it based upon alleged defective executive contents, but it is essential to its validity

that they know it is a will. So few "home made" wills survive at tack that when one does succeed in proattained such distinction:

A member of the Saratoga Club wrote upon a sheet of the club's letter paper testator's presence. Five hours later the pensive to the estate of that man will drawn under circumstances which in themselves cause a presumption of legal and proper execution

submitting the same to counsel, fearful lest by some subtle nicety of the law waive some right or create or assumamazing that so many persons have so confidence in their abilities safely travel the unknown paths of the law

WHY CARS ARE SCARCE.

The Rallroads Have Increased Their Supply 8 Per Cent. in Eight Years. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUN THE

Ground between interstate commer . progressively prepared for the some

In 1908 our roads operated 1 951 557 Listen to what Ivy L. Lee, late of Pennsylvania Ratiroad, has to say 000,000 in increased facilities " He !

Railway rolling stock is selling to three years ago, and the quotators This is the complaint we Jerseymen cars are constantly mounting. For car builders to do is to protect selves and advance the price of stock requirements in the teeth of greatest competition ever known. are making their too long delayed ; chases at war prices

It will be years before the car but up with the oncoming tide of car from Russia and Italy and Fran-New Jersey has been shortsighted in if our roads have passed through lean profit years of late, so, to tions. The car building frater had no incentive in these lean p justifying plant extensions and capital outlays for increasing Hence they feel themselves musame boat with their railroad aught in the jam of rapidly ris material quotations and conlimited plant capacity. Hence the ability to handle at a moment a

as it were, this flood of orders The sentiment of the people of country is for higher rational rates roads must live, and they must be to pay a fair profit to the stocks If any other business of the rephad been nagged and ground to el as has the railroad business their lution in the land, and the house 'ex ing would have been of the genuine. fashloned kind.

WILLIAM HENRY GUT BROOKLINE, Mass., November 15

The Doings of the Arkansas Couches From the Pea Ridge Pad white possum Saturday night it alive at their father a

Bit Couch bought some apples to the

Elmer Jones called on Eli